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Re: Response and Amendment in "Methods for Purifying Nucleic acids"

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

Enclosed are the following:

1. Response and Amendment (14) pages including fee authorization
2. Terminal Disclaimer (1) including fee authorization

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action of February 11, 2004, Applicants respectfully request consideration of amendments and arguments in the present response. Applicants petition for a one month extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) and hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge deposit account 50-1922 for the extension as a large entity and for the Terminal Disclaimer submitted herewith in addition to any other fees that may be due. Please note that a new Power of Attorney and Statement under 37 CFR§3.73(b) together with a Revocation of the prior Power of Attorney in this case was submitted with the RCE filed August 29, 2003. Please amend the above identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.